

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

MAY CAUSE DISRUPTION OF WESTERN FREIGHT ASSOCIATION.

MUST NOT KNOW BROKES.

KANSAS CITY LINES TO CEASE FIGHTING WITH SCALPERS.

Probable Rates for the Corbin-Fitzsimmons Fight—Southern all-way Cuts West Bound Rates to St. Louis—Other Railway News.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The meeting of the Western Freight Association, which is to be held in this city next week will be one of the most important meetings ever held by that organization, and a very existence may depend on the outcome of the proceedings. The principal matter that will come up for discussion is the rights of the Illinois Central to cut rates south of the Ohio river. The road claims that this traffic is entirely exempt from the association agreement, and that it is at liberty to reduce rates or elevate them at its pleasure. The chief cause of demoralization in freight rates that the Western roads have for some time been struggling against has been the reduced rates that have been made via the Southern ports, and the recent cuts in the rates between Chicago and New York were the outcome of the low rates to the South. The Illinois Central will not recede from the position that it has the right to make such rates as it chooses in that part of its territory, and if it is refused admission to make the rates it will in all probability pull out of the association and make a fight against the association itself. If it should do so, it will probably result in a war on grain rates that will be the practical dissolution of the association.

## THEY JUST BE GOOD.

If Kansas City Lines Continue to Deal with Brokers There will Be Trouble.

At the St. Louis meeting of the lines between Kansas City and Chicago, and Kansas City and St. Louis, unusually wide authority was conferred upon Chairman Caldwell, of the Western Freight Association. There has been no question but that certain scalps have been cut through their office between Kansas City and the two cities named. The meeting of the Western Freight Association was authorized if he finds, at any time in the future, that any line is using the brokers for the purpose of securing business at less than the agreed rates, to declare a reduction in rates without cutting any of the roads in interest. The authority is also given to the business west of Kansas City, and the chairman is empowered, if he finds that Kansas City scalps are turning low rates to the country west of here, to declare a reduction in rates. Unless the differences that have for some time existed in the Local Freight Association are overshadowed by the general agreement at St. Louis, the little likelihood of the new scheme being adopted is an innovation in passenger rates, the principle of which should be successful, may be extended so as to be a far reaching effect.

## TRANSCONTINENTAL MAILS.

The Vanderbilt Secure the Union Pacific Their Lines May Carry Them.

If the Vanderbilts succeed in securing the Union Pacific road, as it is said they are trying to do, railroads that have the great mail route between the oceans will not only be controlled by one railroad system, but faster time is sure to be made between Chicago and Omaha. The Vanderbilt lines, the New York Central, Michigan Central and Lake Shore, have the bulk of the Western mail to Chicago, where it nearly all is diverted to the Burlington. The Northwestern, another link of the Vanderbilt line, handles nothing more than the matter distributed along its own line, while the Burlington and Omaha lines over the Burlington to Omaha and Denver. On the east bound run the heavy "black strap" transcontinental mail is hauled by the Union Pacific to Council Bluffs and there given to the "Q," which line has had the time advantage for the simple reason that it has made the fastest time between Lake Michigan and the Missouri river. If the Vanderbilts buy the Union Pacific they will not want to make a break in the haul either at the railroads or at the coast on the Eastern run, but according to those posted in this matter, that will be done unless faster time is made by them between Chicago and Omaha. The Burlington people now are making a record of forty-four and one-half hours for all stops. It is the custom of the post-office department to use the line making the best time. The Northwestern line is ten miles shorter than that of its competitor. It is now making the Union Pacific at the Missouri river fifteen minutes later than the Burlington.

## WEST BOUND RATES CUT.

Southern Railway Reduces Its Tariff Via Asheville to East St. Louis.

Effective to-morrow, the Southern Railway Company will reduce its rate schedule on insured business via Asheville to East St. Louis, when destined to Kansas City, Missouri river and other Missouri territory points, as follows: First class, from 71 to 60 cents, from New York, Boston and Providence; from 71 to 64 cents, from Philadelphia; from 64 to 52 cents, from Baltimore; second class, from 67 to 53 cents, from New York, etc.; 61 to 41 cents, from Philadelphia; 59 to 40 cents, from Baltimore; third class, 52 to 42 cents, from New York; 50 to 40 cents, from Philadelphia; 49 to 39 cents, from Baltimore; fourth class, from 37 to 33 cents, from New York; 35 to 27 cents, from Philadelphia; 34 to 26 cents, from Baltimore; 28 to 25 cents, from New York; 26 to 25 cents, from Philadelphia; 25 to 21 cents, from Baltimore; 23 to 20 cents, from Philadelphia; 22 to 20 cents, from Baltimore.

## B. &amp; M. Grain Rates Reduced.

The Burlington & Missouri River has put into effect a tariff reducing the rates on grain from Nebraska points to Kansas City. Reductions have also been made by the Burlington from the same territory to other points, and the new tariff is to place Kansas City on a basis of equality with other cities.

## Northern Pacific Lands.

Milwaukee, Feb. 12.—The Northern Pacific Railway Company has filed a petition

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with Judge Jenkins, asking the court to decree that the lands owned by the Northern Pacific Railway Company, which are not covered by the mortgage, to the amount of \$14,000, be sold. Judge Jenkins has ordered all of the parties interested to make answer and file objections by March 1. The lands directly affected are generally known as the lands east of the Missouri river, and which have been unincumbered except by the lien of the preferred stock.

## REGARDING THE FIGHT.

Probable the Western Roads Will Make Low Rates to Carson City.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—The Western passenger agents are still worrying over the proposition to make or not to make reduced rates to the big fight in Nevada, and the chances are now that the low rates will be made. The action of the Southern Pacific in announcing that it would make the low rates from Ogden has been something of a blow to the roads that have been standing out against the making of any reduced rates. One of the Western roads has already given notice that it will make a low rate between Chicago and the Missouri river, and the others, although the majority of them are strongly opposed to it, will doubt be compelled to meet the rate. It is probable that the rate will be about \$10 less from Chicago and about \$10 less from the Missouri river. The matter will be settled one way or the other within the next few days.

## Santa Fe and Salt Rates.

The Santa Fe announces that it will continue in effect the old rates on salt from Hutchinson, Kas., to the Missouri river of 6 cents to Kansas City and 8 cents to Omaha. The recent agreement provided for a rate of 1 1/2 cents to Kansas City and 3 cents to Omaha. The Missouri Pacific refused to be bound by the agreement and named a rate of 8 1/2 cents to Kansas City and 10 cents to Omaha. The Santa Fe goes 2 cents under the Missouri Pacific rates.

## Changes on Great Northern.

St. Paul, Feb. 12.—General Superintendent J. M. Barr, of the Great Northern railway, has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted. Mr. Barr will not say what place he will next occupy, but it is understood that he will go to some important railroad position in the East. Russell Harding, District superintendent, is believed to be Mr. Barr's successor.

## Cut Via Cumberland Gap.

Baltimore, Feb. 12.—The Cumberland Gap Dispatch stirred up local railroad circles to-day by announcing a cut of about 20 per cent in the class rate on freight shipped from this city to Cincinnati, Louisville and St. Louis. The reduction will go into effect Monday.

## Little Corn Moving From Wichita.

Wichita, Kas., Feb. 12.—(Special.) The movement of grain from Southern Kansas has temporarily ceased and the railroads are complaining of small business. There is lots of corn in the country, but the roads are so muddy that the farmers cannot deliver grain to the stations.

## One Fare From Kansas City.

The Missouri Pacific has announced a rate of one fare for the round trip for the inauguration of President-elect McKinley. This will make a rate of \$2.25, tickets to be on sale March 1, 2 and 3, good for return to March 10.

## Railroad Notes.

The general Eastern office of the Frisco has been removed from 35 to 385 Broadway.

H. R. Dering, assistant general passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, headquarters Chicago, was in Kansas City yesterday.

F. L. Richardson, traveling passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, headquarters Omaha, was in Kansas City yesterday.

F. L. Pomeroy has been appointed general manager of the Red, White & Midland lines, with headquarters at Buffalo. He was formerly general manager of the Nickel Plate.

## PERSONAL.

R. M. Rogers, Macon, is at the Coates. W. P. Adams, Detroit, is at the Coates. W. J. Watson, Memphis, is at the Coates. C. W. Chamberlain, Boston, is at the Coates. J. B. Spangur, Hillsboro, O., is at the Coates. W. H. Preston, Sioux City, is at the Coates. L. Kaufman, Butte, Mont., is at the Coates. H. E. Pyke, Philadelphia, is at the Coates. C. V. Woodward, Chicago, is at the Coates. J. C. C. Fletcher, New York, is at the Coates. Hugh Funk, Berlin, is at the Victoria. H. R. Taylor, Chicago, is at the Victoria. A. Shannon, Chicago, is at the Victoria. W. P. McDonald, Wichita, is at the Victoria. N. Reaney, St. Louis, is at the Victoria. A. J. Anderson, Newton, Ia., is at the Victoria. J. M. Jones, Maryville, Ark., is at the Victoria. J. G. Sommerer, St. Louis, is at the New Albany. J. R. Nichols, St. Joseph, Mo., is at the New Albany. J. G. Gay, Chillicothe, Mo., is at the New Albany. J. W. Weston, Des Moines, Ia., is at the New Albany. D. A. Motter, Marshall, Mo., is at the New Albany.

## Mr. Jerome H. Bernheimer left last evening for New York and Eastern markets.

Mr. R. Miller, of the Economy Furniture Company, left last night on an extended business trip East.

Mrs. L. W. Farguhar, of Litchfield, Ill., is visiting the family of Patman H. L. James, at 304 East Fourteenth street.

Hugo Bethold and W. J. Sulzberger, of New York, are at the Coates House. They are connected with the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger packing house and are here on a tour of inspection.

H. L. Taylor, of Wichita, formerly coal oil inspector of Kansas under Governor Leawelling, whose record and accounts are to be investigated by a legislative committee, was in the city yesterday.

Hugo Funk, a prominent grain merchant of Berlin, arrived in Kansas City yesterday morning. Mr. Funk is connected with a leading grain importing house in Germany, and is here in the interest of his concern.

Channing J. Brown, of Topeka, who has been clerk of the Kansas supreme court for eighteen years, is in the city. He will be succeeded in June by G. C. Clemens, the popular appointee, but has been retained in the office to complete certain unfinished work with which he is familiar.

Alexander Roland has been appointed British vice consul at Sabine Pass and Port Arthur by the British government, with headquarters at Galveston. This action is taken to indicate that the British government expects those ports to take a considerable prominence in the exporting business.

## GAS COMPANIES WIN.

CONSOLIDATION ORDINANCE PASSES OVER THE MAYOR'S VETO.

PRICE OF GAS WILL GO TO \$1.

IN BOTH BRANCHES THE VOTE WAS THE SAME, 8 TO 2.

The Upper House Passes the Curfew Ordinance—Aldermen Grow Factions Over the Cigarette Ordinance and Refer It to the Sanitary Committee.

The gas consolidation ordinance passed both houses of the council last night over the mayor's veto, by the exact vote predicted by The Journal. In the upper house President Graham and Alderman Brown voted to sustain the veto and in the lower house Speaker Smith and Councilman Lynch voted to do the same.

Speeches were made by nearly every member of the council during the debate, but nothing new was brought out, the old ground being gone over. Mr. Brown said said his objections to the ordinance had been strengthened by the mayor's veto, and President Graham said that, while it might be old-fashioned and out of date to vote for the interests of the people, yet he would venture to do it as he conceived his duty.

Alderman Wyne went over the whole situation, and scored Alderman Brown for opposing nearly every public enterprise which was projected. Alderman Morrison said that Kansas City could not maintain two companies, and it would hurt the city if the impression went out that Kansas City was unfriendly to investors. Alderman Morgan declared that of the 170 signers to the protesting petition presented, 101 of them had signed contracts with the new company, and sixty-seven of them had repudiated contracts entered into with the old company. The vote stood 8 to 2 in favor of the ordinance. The result was greeted with applause by the crowded lobby, through which was heard a solitary sibilant hiss.

Practically the same scene was enacted in the lower house. Speaker Smith took the floor when the veto message was read and made a vigorous speech against the ordinance, in which he reiterated the charges that the new company would double its money by the consolidation. He charged that the company was making money now, and he declared he would never vote \$2,000,000 out of the people's pockets. Mr. Smith charged the press with venality and said he wished he had the money that had been paid to the newspapers to support the consolidation. Councilman Simons read a lengthy statement setting forth his reasons for favoring the ordinance. Councilman Lynch spoke briefly against the measure and declared he would not vote to raise the price of gas to those using the old company's gas. The vote stood 8 to 2 for the ordinance and again the lobby, which had moved over from the upper house, cheered and again the solitary sibilant hiss.

The upper house passed the curfew ordinance which has been the basis of a committee since last April. The ordinance provides for the arrest of all minors under 15 years of age found on the streets without a good excuse after 9 o'clock on a night between March 1 and September 1, and after 8 o'clock between September 1 and March 1.

The house indulged in a little horse play when the cigarette ordinance was presented. Alderman Johnston wanted the ordinance to apply to all females, preventing them from smoking cigarettes. Alderman Eyessel wanted the ordinance to apply to all persons under 20 years of age. These ludicrous provisions were actually attached to the ordinance in the shape of amendments, but were finally rejected and the ordinance referred to the sanitary committee.

The ordinance restoring the pay of firemen was referred to the fire committee. The resolution providing for an investigation of the feasibility of selling the present workhouse site and buying a new one was adopted. The ordinance to reveal North and West terrace park ordinances were referred to the public buildings and grounds committee. The ordinance legalizing the office of city scavenger was referred to the finance committee.

The police charter amendment was laid on the table for one week, in order to permit amendments providing for election of all vacancies in the office of mayor and the five elective offices and making the mayor ineligible for a second term to be prepared.

In the lower house the workhouse site resolution was adopted, after the gas ordinance had been passed over the mayor's veto. The curfew ordinance was referred to the police committee. A large amount of routine business was transacted.

## TIMELY TOPICS.

Books (new and old) bought, sold and exchanged. Glick's new location, 719 Main.

## ANOTHER EXCURSION.

To Port Arthur BY EDWARDS & MOFFETT.

Ex-Secretary of Kansas W. C. Edwards and Col. J. V. Moffett will run another of their celebrated excursions, leaving Kansas City Grand Central depot, at the foot of Second and Wyandotte streets, at 10 p. m., next Tuesday evening, February 16, via the K. C. P. & G. railroad, to Port Arthur. The trip will continue a week, during which time the party will visit Port Arthur and return, \$27.00; no additional \$2.00 at other stops. Sleeping and dining car service free. Three days will be spent sight-seeing, hunting and fishing, visiting light-houses, life saving stations, inspecting the government jetties. A select party of gentlemen and ladies from Atchison and Joseph have already sent in application. Any gentleman or lady desiring to go could see H. C. Orr, general passenger agent K. C. P. & G. R. R., 184 West 9th street, or Advance Agent Moffett, 554 N. Life Bldg., Kansas City.

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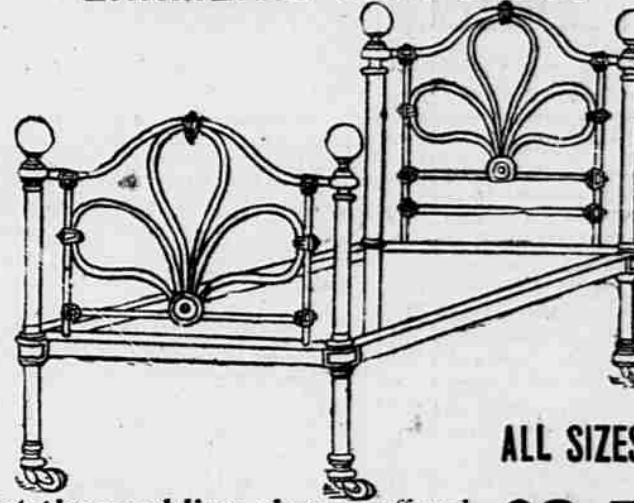
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